New Left Review (On Eric Hobsbawm, 2004 – 2010 a period of crisis on illnesses)

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Part I – The Originals

I. Sick, Ill and Dying thoughts and Wild-cat Joking by Sirohi

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In fact Hobsbawm is ill again and again, he is dying he is sure every day, but loves the wild-cat jokes by Sirohi in Frank Anthony School in Delhi. Hobsbawm met the teachers. Sirohi is joking on playing football and also loving spiritual Gospels. He is busy talking to a woman and falling in love as well in that school called Sophia at the moment. She breaks his heart. Hobsbawm is ill and dying he is sure and is crazy as well. His subjective view is that nobody cares about him at all. He hates all people who leave him alone to heal. He cannot heal he says, he is dying he is sure.

II. My Own Crisis

Eric Hobsbawm

Let’s get this straight. I am ruined, and worse every day, it is illness not some cheap capitalist trip for money, and how structured that attack is to structure you Bill Gates who complains as well. I am without structure, I have a pain to listen to Sirohi, who claims he should just live with people who are young, who I hate because they joke a lot.

Everyone jokes. Fuck off.